

HERE AND THERE

ing parts of the scenery on U.A.L. routes and features of their transcontinental flights in DC-6 aircraft. The television is accompanied by a running commentary.

Dominies for A.T.C. Flights

THE five Communication Flights of R.A.F. Reserve Command are each being supplied with two extra Dominie aircraft for giving flights to A.T.C. cadets during summer camps this year.

Icelandic Forestry

SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES System in May flew 65,000 two-year-old fir and pine tree plants from Tromsø to Reykjavik, Iceland. Although there are



B.E.A. MOD.: An Irvin-Bell Helicopter belonging to B.E.A. which has the unusual feature of being fitted with a door.

now no forests in Iceland, geologists have discovered that long ago it possessed valuable woodlands which have gradually disappeared. The plants are being used in experiments aimed at the recultivation of Iceland's forests.

Refinery Plant

THE Minister of Supply was recently asked in the House of Commons why it had been decided to sell the refinery section of the £10 million plant erected during the war to produce aviation fuel. Mr. Strauss replied that the refinery sec-

tion was sold to secure the best use of the plant in the national interest, and had, he said, been converted as far as practicable, for the production of petroleum products from crude oil. About half the plant in the hydrogenation section is being used for the production of ammonia, and in the remainder pilot production of methanol has recently been started.

Challenger Collection for Sale

FOLLOWING the death last December of Mr. G. H. Challenger, one of the earliest pilots in this country—he took his licence in 1911—Mrs. Challenger, of Windyridge, Stoke St. Gregory, near Taunton, has advised us that she is ready to dispose of a number of aeronautical publications belonging to her late husband. These include the first five volumes of *Flight*, from 1909 to 1913; *La Résistance de L'Air Et L'Aviation*, by G. Eiffel; *Aero*, 1911-1913, volume 5, number 97; and amongst other works volume 5 of *Aeronautics*, dated 1912. Mrs. Challenger will welcome inquiries for any or all of these publications on the early days of aviation.

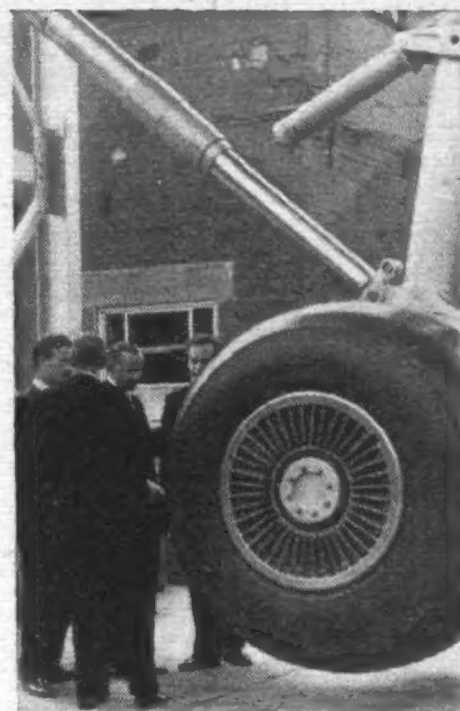
Servo-Mechanism Instruction

THE Ministry of Supply announce that the Inter-departmental Technical Committee on Servo-mechanism, in co-operation with the Home Office, has designed courses of instruction on the fundamentals of servo-mechanism and automatic control. This has been hitherto a weakness in many normal engineering syllabuses and the courses, designed to train instructors on this subject, will

The manufacturing division of R. K. Dundas, Limited, is now situated at their new factory at Zetland Road, Cosham, Portsmouth.

S/L. E. C. Rogers has been compelled by health reasons to relinquish his position as general secretary of the Society of Licensed Aircraft Engineers. Mr. Peter F. Murray took over on June 7th.

In response to the Lord Mayor of London's appeal for the United Nations' Fund for Children, the Dunlop Rubber Company have donated the sum of £1,000.



UNDERCARRIAGE TESTING: During a recent visit to Dowty Equipment Ltd's Arle Court factory, Mr. George Strauss, Minister of Supply, and Mr. Rogers, M.P., his parliamentary private secretary, inspected the Brabazon undercarriage and its test-rig. L. to R.: Mr. Rogers, Mr. R. H. Bound, technical director, Dowty Equipment Ltd., Mr. G. H. Dowty and Mr. George Strauss.

begin in Edinburgh on June 18; during the next few months the facilities will be available in London, Birmingham and Newcastle.

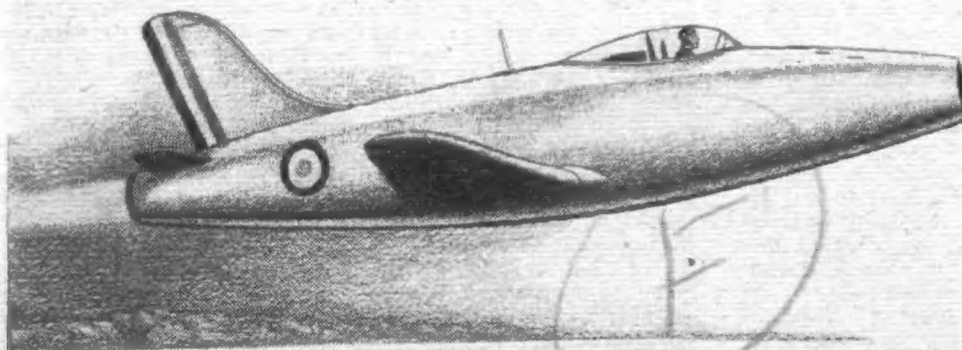
News in Brief

G/C. A. G. Admans, Air Attaché at the British Embassy in Rome, put up the fastest lap-speed in the international round of the Italian flying contest held recently. Flying a Proctor V, he achieved a speed of 146.3 m.p.h. There were 49 other competitors.

The "Operations" Division of Flight Refuelling, Ltd., has moved from Ford aerodrome, Sussex, to Tarrant Rushton, Dorset. W/C. H. C. Johnson, in charge of this Division, can be reached at telephone No. Blandford 501. The administrative and technical headquarters remain at Littlehampton and the experimental factory and works at Ford.

The death has been announced of Mr. Lionel Lodge, managing director of Lodge-Cottrell, Ltd., of Birmingham, and a director of Lodge Plugs, Ltd., of Rugby. He was the fourth son of the late Sir Oliver Lodge, and formed Lodge-Cottrell, Ltd., for the commercial development of Sir Oliver's patents relating to electrical precipitation and the purification of air.

A party of some 45 Stock Exchange army cadets were flown to Paris on June 4th in two of Airwork, Ltd.'s Vikings chartered by Major M. M. Mayo. They took part in the annual fête of the Federated Union for Physical Training and Preparation for Military Service, and returned by air on June 7th.



FRENCH EFFORT: An impression of the French Nord 2200 deck-landing strike-fighter powered by a single Rolls-Royce Nene turbojet built under licence by Hispano Suiza. It will be seen that the machine bears a certain resemblance both to the Thunderjet and the Attacker. Guns appear to be installed in the upper part of the nose.